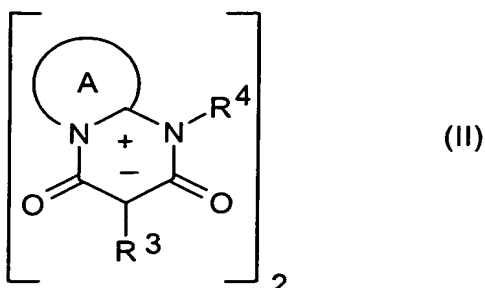


What is claimed is:

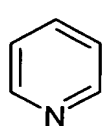
- 1) A dimeric compound of formula (II)



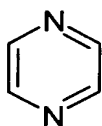
5

where the two monomeric units are linked either via  $R^3$  or via  $R^4$ ;

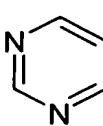
the ring A is a five- or six-membered heteroaromatic ring of structure A1 to A7



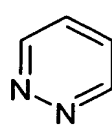
A1



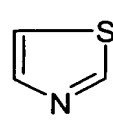
A2



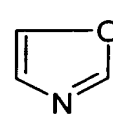
A3



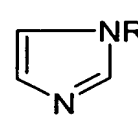
A4



A5



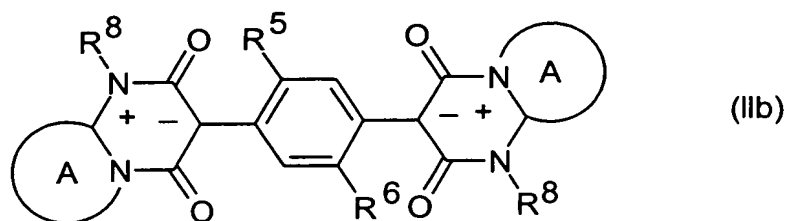
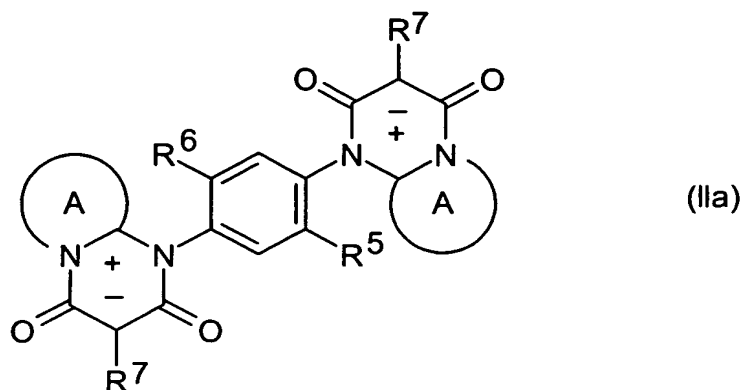
A6



A7

- 10 where the rings A1 to A7 are unsubstituted,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl or phenyl substituted and/or fused with a benzene ring,  
one of  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  is an unsubstituted or alkyl-, alkoxy- and/or halogen-substituted phenylene radical,  
the other one of  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  is  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl, an unsubstituted or  
15 alkyl-, alkoxy-, nitro-, phenyl-, alkoxycarbonyl-, dialkylamino-,  
dialkylaminocarbonyl-, alkylaminocarbonyl-, aminocarbonyl- and/or halogen-substituted phenyl, benzyl, benzanilide,  $C_5$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl or naphthyl;  
or where the  $NR^4$  group may combine with the A ring to form a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which may be additionally fused with a benzene ring, and  $R^3$  is an  
20 unsubstituted or alkyl-, alkoxy- and/or halogen-substituted phenylene radical; and  
R is  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl or phenyl.

- 2) A compound according to claim 1, characterized by the general formulae (IIa) and (IIb)



5

where

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  are independently hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy or halogen;

$R^7$  and  $R^8$  are  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_5$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl, a phenyl, benzyl, benzanilide or naphthyl that is unsubstituted or substituted by 1, 2, 3 or 4 radicals selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy, nitro, phenyl,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxycarbonyl, di( $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl)amino, di( $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl)aminocarbonyl, ( $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonyl and/or chlorine;

15 or where the  $NR^8$  group combines with the A ring to form a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which may be additionally fused with a benzene ring.

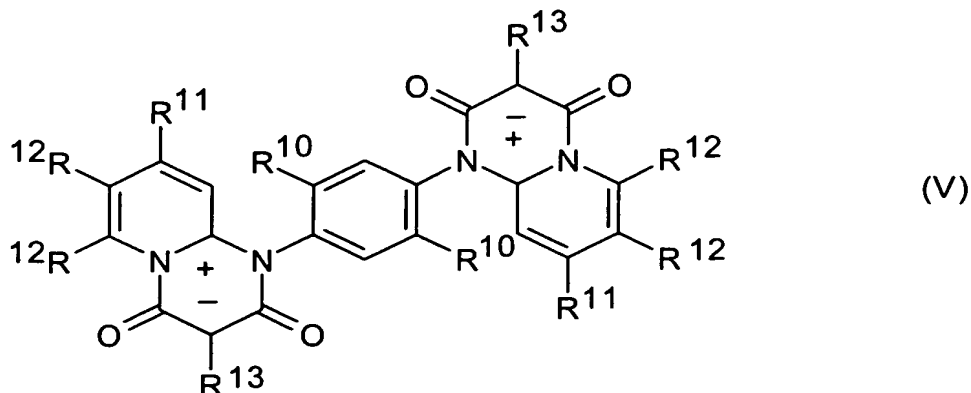
3) A compound according to claim 2, wherein  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are the same or different and are each hydrogen, methyl or chlorine.

20

4) A compound according to one or more of claims 1 to 3, wherein  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  is a substituted phenyl radical from the group consisting of 1-, 2-, 3-methyl-,

ethyl-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, diethylamino-, chloro-, 2,5-dichloro-, 3-chloro-4-methyl-, 3-chloro-4-methoxy- and 4-nitrophenyl.

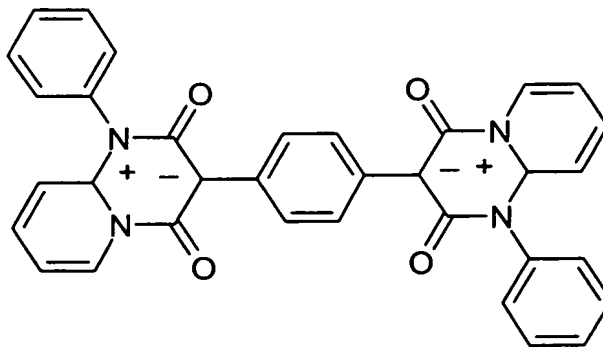
- 5) A compound according to at least one of claims 1 to 4, characterized by  
5 formula (V)

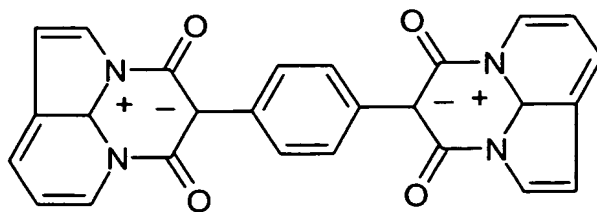


where

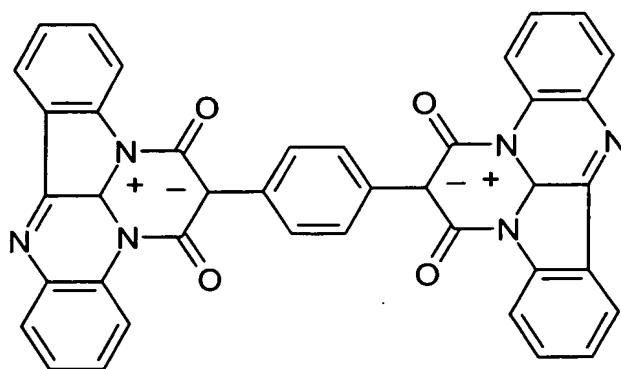
- $R^{10}$  is hydrogen, methyl or chlorine,  
10  $R^{11}$  is hydrogen or methyl,  
 $R^{12}$  is hydrogen, or two adjacent  $R^{12}$  radicals together are a divalent  $C_4H_4$  radical, and  
 $R^{13}$  is methyl or phenyl.

- 15 6) A compound according to claim 1 or 2, characterized by the formula (11), (12), (13) or (14)



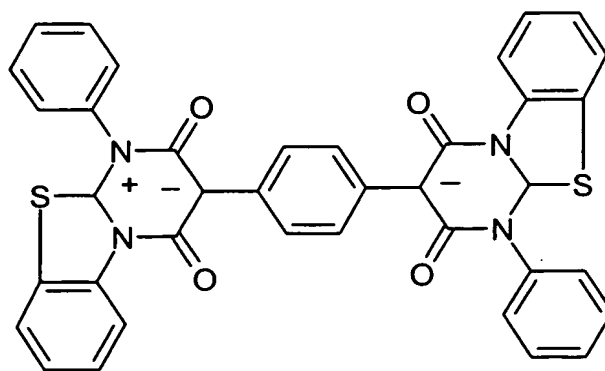


12



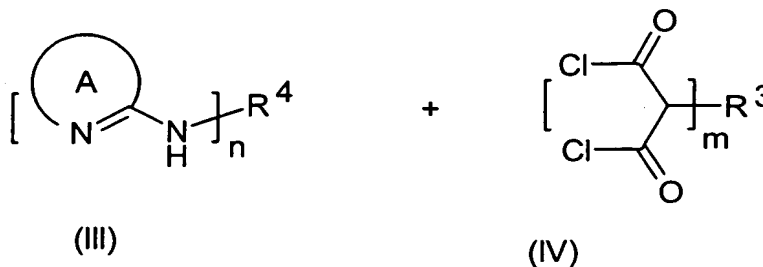
13

5



14

- 7) A process for preparing a compound according to one or more of claims 1 to 6, which comprises condensing either
- (a) one equivalent of the compound of formula (III) where n is 2 with about two equivalents of the compound of formula (IV) where m is 1; or
- 5 (b) one equivalent of the compound of formula (IV) where m is 2 with about two equivalents of the compound of formula (III) where n is 1,



10

8) The process according to claim 7, wherein the condensing is effected in the presence of a base.

9) The process according to claim 7 or 8 wherein the compound of formula (II) is subjected to a fine-dividing operation and/or solvent treatment.

15

10) The use of a compound according to one or more of claims 1 to 6 for pigmenting macromolecular organic materials of natural or synthetic origin.

20 11) The use according to claim 10 for pigmenting plastics, resins, coatings, paints, electrophotographic toners and developers, electret materials, color filters, inks, including inkjet inks and nonjettable printing inks, and seed.